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Mexico Proposes New Label Requirements for GE Seeds and Vegetative Propagation Materials

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Report Highlights:

On May 28, 2014, the Mexican Secretariat of Agriculture, Livestock, Rural Development, Fishery and Food (SAGARPA) published an Official Mexican Regulation Project (PROY-NOM-001-SAG/BIO-2014) in Mexico's "*Diario Oficial*" (Federal Register). This Regulation establishes the characteristics and content of label information for genetically engineered seeds and vegetative propagation materials to be released as a crop for agricultural production. Comments are due in Spanish within the next 60 calendar days after publication (May 29, 2014).

General Information:

Introduction: This report summarizes an official announcement by the Secretariat of Agriculture, Livestock, Rural Development, Fishery and Food (SAGARPA) published in Mexico's "*Diario Oficial*" (Federal Register) on May 28, 2014, containing a draft of the Official Mexican Regulation ([PROY-NOM-001-SAG/BIO-2014](#)), which establishes characteristics and content of labeling information for genetically engineered seeds and vegetative propagation materials that will be released as a crop for agricultural production.

Disclaimer: This summary is based on a cursory review of the subject announcement and therefore should not, under any circumstances, be viewed as a definitive reading of the resolution in question, or of its implications for U.S. agricultural export trade interests. In the event of a discrepancy or discrepancies between this summary and the complete resolution or announcement as published in Spanish, the latter shall prevail.

Title of Notice: Draft of the Official Mexican Regulation PROY-NOM-001-SAG/BIO-2014, which establishes the general characteristics of label information of genetically modified organisms that are seeds or vegetative propagation material that will be used for planting, crop and agricultural production.

Type of Resolution: Draft Regulation

Publication Date: May 28, 2014

Comment period: 60 calendar days from the publication in the Federal Register (May 28, 2014)

Products Affected: Corn, Soybean, Cotton and any other Genetically Engineered (GE) crops.

Agency in Charge: Secretariat of Agriculture, Livestock, Rural Development, Fishery and Food (SAGARPA).

Executive Summary: On May 28, 2014, SAGARPA published a notification in Mexico's Federal Register containing the draft of an Official Mexican Regulation PROY-NOM-001-SAG/BIO-2014. The draft establishes the characteristics and content of the type of information required to be put on labels (generally affixed to containers or bags) that contain genetically engineered seeds and vegetative propagation materials that will be released as a crop for agricultural production. As mentioned in the annual GAIN report [MX3061](#) (*Mexico Continues to Cautiously Move Forward with Biotechnology*), this NOM is one of the pending regulations that have been drafted in recent years.

According to Provision 9 and 12 of the Biosafety Law on Genetically Modified Organisms, it is necessary to determine in an Official Mexican Regulation the information and characteristics required for labeling of GE planting seeds. Thus in order to inform the buyer, this NOM establishes specific labeling requirements, including 35 label characteristic requirements and 6 package label feature requirements. The Notification also notes that this Mexican Official Regulation does not match any international standard.

Comments to the Draft: Interested parties should submit scientifically and technically supported comments to the draft in Spanish, to the *Comite Consultivo Nacional de Normalizacion Agroalimentaria* (National Advisory Committee of Agrifood Regulation) at:

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This Draft Regulation is in public consultation; however comments are not being submitted through a public page, like other similar Draft Regulations in COFEMER, but directly through the mail address and/or e-mail above mentioned.

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